

START WAR ON BOOZE

Scandalous Doings of Chicago Society Women.

DRINK TWO QUARTS A PIECE

Chicago Preacher, Renewing Crusade, Tells of Doings in Connection With Famous Kinness Given For Charity and Other Affairs.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—The pulpit crusade against "booze drinking" by women broadened last night when the Rev. F. G. Smith of the Warren Avenue Congregational church and other pastors joined the standard of Dr. Frederick E. Hopkins.

Dr. Hopkins also continued his campaign his, Englewood church being crowded beyond its capacity and hundreds of people being turned away.

"We expected some one here from the building department, but no one came," said Charles E. Shearman, an usher.

Mr. Smith in his sermon declared he was heart and soul with Dr. Hopkins and told of a little round he made in fashionable downtown restaurants last week. He said the experience convinced him Dr. Hopkins was right.

"I did not drop in at Vogelsang's, the other places at which Dr. Hopkins learned his most startling facts," said the minister, "but at all the restaurants I visited I saw women drinking beer, highballs and cocktails all around me. I noticed that apparently three classes of women drank—those who drank with their husbands, those who drank for the effects of the liquor and girls who drank evidently because they thought drinking the first step in high life.

"The influence of public drinking by women is all bad, degrading and degrad-

ing in its last analysis. We are up against a serious problem. Downtown environment tends to influence women to drink. A stenographer told me of her first experience in Chicago out of work. She said there were some noble men among Chicago employers, but in most offices in which she applied for work she was given to understand she must be a good fellow. In many offices she was openly insulted."

Mr. Smith prefaced his sermon by reading a sensational article written by "Helen Hale" in a recent issue of the Advance.

"At the close of the kirmess, that famous charity affair given in this city two years ago," wrote "Helen Hale," several gallons of champagne remained unsold. It was disposed of by the younger society leaders drinking two quarts apiece, then tossing it all over the floor and throwing it down the neck, across the shoulders and over the beautiful gowns of the women present. Not one bottle was allowed to remain uncorked while there was a sober woman left in the crowd.

"Following a dinner dance a few years given by a woman whose name is frequently mentioned as the future leader of society, the Florodora sextet was engaged to sing and dance. Afterwards one of the show girls said to me: 'That affair was the fiercest any of us had ever seen. Most of the women were all in by the time we arrived. They were lolling around on the couches and chairs with their clothes more off than on all the time shrieking at the top of their voices or talking in hoarse, thick whispers. Once in a while they would rouse up to tell a shady story, throw something at each other, or play some fool game, although no one there could stand on her feet.

"Last fall at an exclusive musical a woman of national social reputation who was in the receiving line was so badly intoxicated and made such maudlin remarks that she had to be quietly led away upstairs.

"Dr. Hopkins speaks of a club woman who wanted to pay her dues three times at the same meeting. I was present on this occasion and will add that this woman has almost national fame, has been concerned in many important

movements of the day, and I have more than once seen her in as bad form as any old whisky soak."

Much of Dr. Hopkins' talk was in the nature of a defense against his critics. He also retold the story of his expedition through the downtown saloons.

"The discussion on women drinking," he said, "has gone so far that every one can see the danger. It has become the question of the hour and the success I have made is due to the kind I owe no thanks at all, except in a few instances, to the Christian churches and temperance societies.

"I am just as well born, bred, and well educated as any of my critics. I have been in the ministry for thirty years—never did anything else—am perhaps older than any of my critics, just as cultured, spiritually minded and as devoted to my congregation as they are to theirs."

Dr. Hopkins will continue his crusade. He announced that for next Sunday evening he had selected the topic:

"The Habit of Women Drinking with Men, and What Ought to Be Done with a Man Who Invites a Woman to Drink."

Meanwhile, it is asserted the remnant of a \$2500 debt incurred two years ago through making repairs to the church is being cleared away rapidly.

Dr. George F. Hall, preaching in Bush temple in the morning, endorsed Dr. Hopkins' crusade and attacked his critics, saying:

"I wish to refer particularly to the Rev. J. St. Stone and the Rev. Johnston Myers. If what they are alleged to have said is correctly reported they should be heartily ashamed of themselves.

"I want no woman in my congregation who degrades her womanhood, soils her purity, and by her example becomes a stumbling block by drinking beer, champagne, cocktails, or whisky straight."

The Rev. W. A. Bartlett, pastor of the First Congregational church, also sharply criticized the Rev. Johnston Myers for his objection to Hopkins' tactics.

The Rev. Melbourne P. Boynton, pastor of the Lexington Avenue Baptist church, also lined up with Dr. Hopkins.

CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN.

Free Methodist Bishop Says the End is Near.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 8.—Bishop Walter Sellow, of Jamestown, N. Y., who has been presiding at the Free Methodist conference for northern Indiana, which closed with religious services today, greatly excited the members of the local Free Methodist Church here by a sermon predicting the end of the world within a few months. He did not mean, he said, that the planet was to be destroyed, but that all the works of man were to be swept away and Christ was to come a second time to rebuild it and make it a fit place for the dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The bishop minced no words in describing the certainty of destruction by flames to those who do not repent. He gave four reasons for his belief that the end of the world is near.

First—The conditions are now similar to those that prevailed when Christ was born—men have set up false gods.

Second—The strain upon matter has reached the breaking point.

Third—The savants of the world who study the Bible have gained an insight into the future, and, while they may not publicly acknowledge that the end is near, they are themselves making ready for it.

Fourth—The time is at hand when the word of God will soon have penetrated to the remotest races and the prophecy fulfilled that the gospel will be preached to every human soul on earth.

TRAINS TO BUTTE BY MARCH

This Calculation Follows Return of President.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 7.—President A. J. Earling of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has returned to Milwaukee with members of the board of directors who, with him, made a journey over the route of the line to Butte, now under construction. The party went as far as Butte, and the directors were gratified at the progress being made. Through the efforts of the contractors, who are doing unexampled work on the track-laying, trains will be running from Milwaukee into Butte by March next.

This means that at least one-half of 700 miles of the new track will be in full operation and earning money by next year. The local shops of the company are building 50 locomotives for mountain climbing, the locomotives being of the so-called Miado type. A plan for electrical operation of some of the mountain divisions is also being worked out.

TITLED SOCIALIST TO RECANT.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—It is said here on apparently good authority that the countess of Warwick, who reached New York yesterday on the Caronia as "Mrs. Greville," has gone to America solely for the purpose of discussing with a prominent socialist and a man much interested in the municipal ownership question, at present in Baltimore, a phase of the socialist doctrine which has for some time been worrying Lady Warwick greatly. The question at issue is not known, but it is said that on the result of the conference will hinge the future of Lady Warwick from a socialistic point of view, as she has arrived at a point in her study of socialism which has almost come to a parting of the ways with her. The conference, it is understood, has been fixed for Tuesday next.

TO ANSWER FOR GIRL'S DEATH.

Representative Ward of Michigan to Face Trial.

DETROIT, Oct. 8.—Representative Charles E. Ward of Bancroft must face trial in the recorder's court upon a charge of aiding and abetting the acts by which Edith Presley came to her death in Hope Sanitarium last April. This was announced by Justice Goffrey after the prosecutor had stated that his case in the examination was all in and Senator Tuttle, his counsel, had declared that the defense would offer no testimony but would rest upon the legal claim that there was not enough evidence to hold the respondent. The result of the hearing will not be formally recorded until Monday, which leaves Ward still under the bail bond holding him to appear in the police court. Miss Presley died as the result of an unlawful operation.

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